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3 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**4 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

5 Ramon Morga,

6 Petitioner

7 v.

8 Charles Daniels, et al.,

9 Respondents

Case No. 2:21-cv-01743-APG-BNW

Order

[ECF Nos. 21,22]

10 On June 1, 2022, I entered an order (ECF No. 20) dismissing Grounds 1, 2, and 3 from
11 petitioner Morga's habeas petition (ECF No. 4) and directing respondents to file an answer to
12 Morga's remaining claims by August 1, 2022. Prior to that deadline, Morga filed a motion for
13 appointment of counsel (ECF No. 21) and a motion for continuance (ECF No. 22).


14 Morga appears to have filed these motions under the misapprehension that he, rather than
15 or in addition to the respondents, was required to file a response to my order by August 1.
16 Because that is not the case, there is no reason for me to grant his request for a continuance. If he
17 needs additional time to file a reply to the answer when that time comes, I will grant reasonable
18 extensions upon a showing of good cause.

19 I will also deny Morga's motion for appointment of counsel. The remaining claims in this
20 petition – i.e., Grounds 4 through 8 – are clearly and forcefully pled. At this point, there is no
21 indication that discovery or an evidentiary hearing is warranted in this case. And, I am not
22 inclined to appoint counsel for the sole purpose of assisting Morga with his reply.

23 I THEREFORE ORDER that Morga's motions for appointment of counsel [ECF No. 21]
and for continuance [ECF No. 22] are DENIED.

1 I FURTHER ORDER that respondents shall have **until December 1, 2022** to file and
2 serve an answer to the remaining claims in the petition. Morga shall have **60 days** from the date
3 on which the answer is served on him to file and serve a reply.

4 Dated: October 4, 2022

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7 U.S. District Judge Andrew P. Gordon
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